in this case. Another FIR was registered against the said Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh at police station, Connaught Place, New Delhi under various sections of IPC and sections 3,4,5 of Terrorist And Desruptive Activities (Prevention) Act. This case was pending trial in the Court at Patiala House when the hijacking of flight IC-814 took place. The Government of NCT of Delhi sought the permission of the Court for withdrawal of this case and the application for withdrawal of prosecution was allowed. Accordingly, Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh was released from judicial custody.

Pakistani National Getting Indian Identity Proofs

2508. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an action plan to keep a watch on the large number of Pakistani Nationals, who visits the country on short term basis and later acquire Indian identity by acquiring ration cards and passports and are helping anti-national elements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to tighten the verification system for issue of driving license, identity cards etc. so that foreigners are not able to assume a local identity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In order to keep a close watch on the Pak Nationals visiting India on short-term visa, the following procedure has been prescribed:

1. The visa applications are received in quadruplicate;
2. The visa is given for a specified city/town and the visa holder is not allowed to visit any other place without seeking prior permission;
3. One copy of the application form is given to the visa holder, one is retained by the Mission, one is sent to the Superintendent of Police of the first place to be visited by the visa holder and one copy is sent to the Revenue Intelligence;

4. The visa holder hands over his copy of the application to the Immigration Officer at the checkpost of entry;

5. A temporary permit is issued to him (if his stay is more than 14 days) and copies of this are sent to all the Superintendents of Police of the places to be visited by the Pak visa holder;

6. Pak visa holder is required to report to the SP of the place of his first visit and subsequent places of visit within 24 hrs where he is given a regular residential permit specifying the permitted period of his stay. The Pak visa holder is required to intimate his intended departure to another place in India/return to his country to the SP 24 hrs in advance;

7. The check-post of entry and exit and the mode of his travel are also specified on the visa and he has to seek permission for change in any of these. The check post of exit, if it is different from the checkpost of entry, informs the check-post of entry about the departure of the visa holder.

Thus, all efforts are made to ensure that the Pak Nationals coming to the country on short-term visa go back to their country. Such of them who do not abide by the terms and conditions of visa are dealt with under the Foreigners Act for which powers have been delegated to the State Governments. The names of such nationals are put on the negative list.

Driving licenses, ration cards, etc. are issued by the State Govts. after local verification of the particulars furnished by the applicant through the State police authorities. If a foreigner manages to acquire any of these documents by misrepresentation of facts, action is taken against him and he is deported back to his country for which powers have been delegated to the State Governments. The State Governments are regularly sensitised on the need to carefully scrutinize and verify all applications before issue of such documents.